

This brief memo is in opposition to H.B. 5619 for the following reasons:

I oppose the transfer of the 68-acre former Mystic Oral School property from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the Town of Groton because it has significant value as forested open space and as various wildlife habitats that are worthy of state protection.

Furthermore, these 68 acres should not be transferred from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the Town of Groton without a study of its potential value as protected open space for the nearby community.

More importantly, and perhaps to begin with, a public hearing should be held by the Groton Town Council regarding its intended uses for this currently protected open space property.

Sincerely,

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